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1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS ON SEP 12, HE GAVE ME FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. HE IS NOW PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK SEP 25 AND "START WORKING" ON MONDAY, SEP 26. HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES UNTIL OCT 7; ON WHICH DATE HE EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR ROME FOR THE CANONIZATION OF LEBANON'S ST. CHARBEL. HIS PREFERRED DAYS FOR MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY ARE OCT 4, 5, OR 6, (AFTER HIS UN SPEECH ON OCT 3) BUT HE COULD STAY A DAY OR TWO LONGER IF NECESSARY. HE COULD ALSO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY THE WEEK BEFORE HIS SPEECH, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD LIKE TO BE PRESENT DURING THE SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN UNGA SPEECHES ON SEP 28 AND 29 AND ATTEND A MEETING OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES IN NEW YORK ON SEP 30.

3. BOUTROS EMPHASIZED THAT HE WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY OTHER LEBANESE DURING THESE CALLS, ALTHOUGH HE
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HAS NO OBJECTION
IF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY
HAVE THEIR ADVISORS PRESENT. BOUTROS EXPLAINED
RUEFULLY THAT HE COULD NOT TAKE ONE ADVISOR WITH HIM
WITHOUT TAKING THE WHOLE GROUP AND, IF HE DID THE
LATTER, WHATEVER WAS SAID IN THE MEETING WOULD BECOME
PUBLIC IN A MATTER OF HOURS. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD

PREFER NOT TO HAVE AN INTERPRETER.

4. BOUTROS SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE BRINGING A DRAFT PEACE TREATY WITH HIM, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE SOME SPECIFIC ORAL SUGGESTIONS. GIVEN THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN LEBANON, IT WAS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DRAFT SUCH A DOCUMENT. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID LEBANON WISHED TO RETAIN ITS FREEDOM OF ACTION. HE SAID THAT I COULD ALSO REPORT THAT "I HAD BEEN INFORMED" THAT SYRIA WOULD NOT BE BRINGING A DRAFT TREATY EITHER.

5. FINALLY, BOUTROS MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SOME SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN DURING HIS STAY IN THE STATES.

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